

ACA IMPLEMENTATION NEWS

UPDATING YOU ON PROGRESS AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES RELATED TO THE
AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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In this issue of *ACA Implementation News*, we provide information about the November 2014 PEAK enhancements and system outage, open enrollment messaging, the new Department logo and the release of the new PEAK logo. We also include a link to the Provider Screening Regulations webinar and links to resources provided by the Department at the Colorado Health Foundation's Building Better Health: Enroll 2015 conference.

As a reminder, please send us your ACA implementation questions/suggestions so we can provide timely and relevant information to you. Questions, comments and suggestions should be sent to **ACAImplementation@hcpf.state.co.us** for inclusion in upcoming issues of *ACA Implementation News*.

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News of Note

November PEAK Enhancements and CBMS & PEAK Outage Information

CBMS and Colorado.gov/PEAK will be down for the implementation of the November build and enhancements from **12:00 pm on Saturday, November 8, 2014 until 6 am on November 10, 2014**. Any PEAK applications that are in process and not been completed must be submitted prior to 12:00 pm on November 8, 2014 or the data will be lost. For more information, contact CBMS.Liaison@state.co.us.

The following enhancements are coming to PEAK as a part of the November build.

- Single, Dynamic Online Application
- Joint Eligibility Results
- Enhanced User Experience
- PEAK Account Client IDs Options
- Program Additions

For more information the November 2014 enhancements to PEAK, including a training calendar and sneak peek of the new PEAK logo, go to Colorado.gov/PEAK then click on Resources, then PEAK News or by clicking [here](#).

New Tools Available

The Department has published online 4 new tools and resources to help those assisting individuals applying for health care coverage.

The following materials are now available on Colorado.gov/HCPF/ACAResources.

- [Medicaid, CHP+ and Connect for Health Colorado Side by Side Monthly Maximum Income Guidelines](#) Effective April 1, 2014
- [Medicaid, CHP+ and Medicaid Buy-In Programs Side by Side Monthly Maximum Income Guidelines](#) Effective April 1, 2014
- [Medical Assistance Case Assignment Flowchart](#) Effective November 9, 2014
- [Where to Go for More Information Desk guide](#)

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New HCPF Logo Launched

We are pleased to announce a new look and feel is coming to the Department. Effective November 1, we will begin using a new logo on all Department materials.

HCPF's new shield sits inverted next to the green Colorado logo. This shield will be used on all **new** materials and will replace the circle seal that has been used on Department documents, marketing materials, and our Department's website. Please note that documents created prior to the shield launch **do not** need to be updated retroactively.



New Colorado.gov/PEAK Logo Coming November 9

A new look has also been created to represent PEAK as Colorado's online service to screen and apply for medical, food, cash, and early childhood programs. Beginning November 9, Colorado.gov/PEAK will have a new logo and color scheme. Moving forward, all **new** collateral must contain the new trademarked PEAK logo. Please note that documents created prior to the logo launch **do not** need to be updated retroactively.

Guidance on the new PEAK logo and images for download is available at tinyurl.com/peakoutreach.

Connect for Health Colorado 2015 Plan Renewal Information

Beginning October 1, Coloradans who purchased private plans began to receive notices if their carrier is changing or no longer offering their plan. Beginning October 20, Connect for Health Colorado and carriers will be sending communications to clients outlining what to do to make sure they do not have a break in 2015 coverage.

1. If a client's plan is being offered in 2015, they are happy with it and Connect for Health Colorado has been able to redetermine the client's federal tax credit, then the client will not need to do anything—their coverage will be auto-renewed by December 15 for 2015 coverage, **OR**
2. If a client's plan has been discontinued and/or Connect for Health Colorado have been unable to redetermine the client's federal tax credit, the client will need to shop for a 2015 plan and reapply for financial assistance.

Connect for Health Colorado anticipates the majority of their customers will choose to 'auto-renew.' Partners can find more information on the renewal process on the [Connect for Health Colorado website here](#).

Additionally NEW consumer geared FAQs can be found on Colorado.gov/Health or by clicking [here](#).

New Federal Provider Screening Regulations: Stakeholder Comments sought

New federal regulations established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) require enhanced screening and re-validation of providers enrolling with Colorado Medicaid. These regulations are designed to reduce the potential for Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse. Most providers will see very little change in their enrollment process but some may be required to undergo additional screening before they can be enrolled or re-enrolled in Medicaid.

The Department is seeking feedback from providers and other stakeholders on a draft rule that will implement these federal regulations. The Department has limited flexibility in implementing the new federal regulations, but is seeking feedback in a few key areas where the federal government has granted some flexibility.

More information, including a copy of the draft rule and instructions for submitting comments, can be found on the Department's website under the "Federal Provider Screening Regulations" section of [**Colorado.gov/hcpf/provider-implementations**](http://Colorado.gov/hcpf/provider-implementations).

Stakeholders may submit comments through December 1st.

Training for CBMS Users Available Now

The Staff Development Center is hosting [online](#) and [in-person](#) training opportunities that will prepare you for the changes coming to CBMS on November 9. These **critical trainings** cover what you need to know about the 2015 Open Enrollment Period, the new Shared Application and Eligibility Process for Medical Assistance, and the Medicaid Quality Assurance Improvement program. It is strongly recommended you complete this training **prior** to the November 9 build.

What you'll learn in the training:

- What you need to know about the **2015 Open Enrollment Period** and how it will impact you
- Explanation of the **Shared Application and Eligibility Process for Medical Assistance**, how the new process will impact CBMS and Colorado.gov/PEAK, and what these changes mean for Medical Assistance applicants
- Review of the important **changes coming to Colorado.gov/PEAK** and how the changes will affect CBMS users
- Overview of **changes coming to the Medical Assistance Paper Application** and what you'll need to be prepared for
- Review of the **Medicaid Quality Assurance Improvement** to reduce errors in determining eligibility

Register **today** for an upcoming training opportunity at TrainColorado.com. Questions regarding this communication may be directed to soc_staffdevelopment@state.co.us

Resources

Division of Insurance FAQs

New frequently asked questions regarding the 2015 private insurance rates from the Division of Insurance have been posted to Colorado.gov/Health. The FAQs address how rates are assessed and how the 2015 rates compare to the 2014 rates. You can also access the FAQs by clicking [here](#).

New Information for Employers

New frequently asked questions regarding the federal employer responsibilities have been posted to Colorado.gov/Health. The new [I am an Employer page](#) addresses which employers must provide coverage to their employees or face a federal penalty, what constitutes a full time employee and what new options small businesses have to provide coverage their employees. For more information [click here](#) or visit IRS.gov/uac/Affordable-Care-Act-Tax-Provisions-for-Employers.

From Coverage to Care Resources

[From Coverage to Care](#) is an initiative being spearheaded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to help people with new health care coverage understand their benefits and connect to primary care and the preventive services that are right for them. CMS has created a series of [short videos](#) that describe how to use your coverage, pick a provider, prepare for your appointment and other helpful tips. We encourage you to share these resources with your stakeholders, clients and patients. The videos can be found on Colorado.gov/Health or by clicking [here](#).

Reminders

Building Better Health: Enroll 2015 Resources Available Online

The Department would like to thank all participants in the Colorado Health Foundation's [Building Better Health: Enroll 2015 conference](#) this week. For those of you unable to attend in person all presentations and handouts provided at the conference by the Department are available online now.

To access the materials shared by the Department visit: Colorado.gov/hcpf/training-topics-reference-documents-and-guides then scroll down to Building Better Health: Enroll 2015 Conference Materials. All other session materials can be found here: Coloradohealth.org/BBHResources.

New Joint Communications Webinar Online Now

The [Department of Health Care Policy and Financing](#), [Division of Insurance](#) and [Connect for Health Colorado](#) have recorded and posted a new joint communications webinar. The webinar discusses how community partners can talk about the 2015 open enrollment period. The new recorded webinar can be found on Colorado.gov/HCPF/Health-Care-Reform → Presentations or by clicking [here](#). You can also download slides by clicking [here](#). You can submit your questions following the webinar to: ACAImplementation@hcpf.state.co.us

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